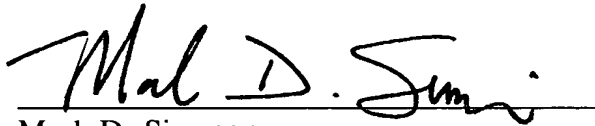


2. **CONCLUSION**

For the foregoing reasons and the reasons set forth in all papers of record, Applicants respectfully request this Board to overrule the Examiner's rejections and allow claims 1-15.

Respectfully submitted:

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